

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re:	Douglas G. Anderson	Confirmation No.:	6124
Appl No.:	10/762,789	Group Art Unit:	2814
Filed:	January 22, 2004	Examiner:	Abul Kalam
For:	WAFER, INTERMEDIATE WAFER ASSEMBLY AND ASSOCIATED METHOD FOR FABRICATING A SILICON ON INSULATOR WAFER HAVING AN IMPROVED EDGE PROFILE		

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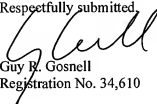
RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR A SPECIES ELECTION

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 20, 2006, in which the Examiner has required election of one of the species represented by Embodiment 1 of FIG. 3 and the species represented by Embodiment 2 of FIG. 6. Applicant hereby provisionally elects with traverse the species represented by Embodiment 1 of FIG. 3 and expressly reserves the right to file divisional applications or take such other appropriate measures deemed necessary to protect the inventions in the remaining claims. Claims 1-10 are readable on the elected species, namely, the embodiment of FIG. 3.

Should the Examiner have further questions or comments with respect to examination of this case, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned so that further examination of this application can be expedited.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those, which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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